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Attorney Docket No. 29094/12:1 USA

First Inventor Stephen E.M. Billester

Title Method for Improving the Accuracy  
of Character Recognition Processes

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### APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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- Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
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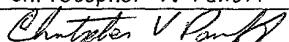
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Title	METHOD FOR IMPROVING THE ACCURACY OF CHARACTER RECOGNITION PROCESSES
Atty Docket Number	29094/12:1 USA

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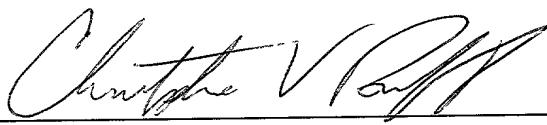
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